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1. EMBOFF MET WITH GENERAL BURCA, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROMANIAN RED CROSS COUNCIL, AUGUST 14 TO INQUIRE ABOUT ROMANIA'S REMAINING NEEDS FOR HUMANITARIAN FLOOD ASSISTANCE IN GENERAL AND ABOUT RABBI SCHNIER'S INQUIRY IN PARTICULAR. BURCA SAID THAT THEY NO LONGER NEED FOOD, MEDICINES OR CLOTHING. DAMAGED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS EITHER HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING REPAIRED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH GOR AND LOCAL RESOURCES; THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF A NON-ECONOMIC TYPE SUITABLE FOR A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO UNDERTAKE ON ITS OWN. ROMANIA MAINLY NEEDS FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND THE RED CROSS HAS RECEIVED SOME VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FOREIGN RED CROSS

ORGANIZATIONS AND EVEN SOME PRIVATE FIRMS, BUT IS NOT ASKING FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

2. ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT ARRIVE IN TIME TO RELIEVE EFFECTS

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OF THE LAST FLOODS, BURCA SAID ROMANIA DOES NEED SOME

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR HANDLING BLOOD AND TRANSFUSIONS. THE RED CROSS HAS A "PRELIMINARY" LIST OF SPECIFIC INSTRUMENTS WHICH THEY EXPECT TO FORWARD TO THE UN (AND WHICH THEY SHOWED EMBOFF BRIEFLY), BUT WHICH HAS APPARENTLY NOT RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL. BURCA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WISHED TO DONATE SOME OF THE U.S.-MADE EQUIPMENT ON THE LIST. THE ORGANIZATION COULD SPECIFY A PARTICULAR HOSPITAL OR HOSPITALS IN THE FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS TO RECEIVE THEM IF IT WISHED. ALTHOUGH ROMANIA HAS SOME BLOOD FREEZING EQUIPMENT FOR 20 DEGREES, THEY NEED APPARATUS FOR FREEZING

AND STORING AT -70 DEGREES. THE RED CROSS IS ALSO LOOKING FOR SEVERAL SPECTROPHOTOMETERS (MADE BY BECKMAN), SECTION CUTTERS WITH CRYOSTATS, AND SUPPLIES FOR TRANSFUSIONS: ULTRO-FLO II COILS WITH 2-3 PERFUSORS, LEFT AND RIGHT ARTERIAL VENOUS LINES, AND SMALL AMBU TEFLON POINTS.

3. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, BURCA STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT WAS ONLY MAKING SUGGESTIONS OF THE KINDS OF NEEDS THEY HAD. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. QUOTE WAS A LONG DISTANCE AWAY UNQUOTE AND THAT HE EXPECTED THAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE WHETHER OR NOT WE RENDERED ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

4. COMMENT: IF A GIFT OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT OR OF INFANT MILK PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (REFTEL B) FALLS WITHIN RABBI SCHNIER'S POTENTIAL FOR ASSISTANCE, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO INQUIRE FURTHER. WE ARE CHECKING WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN ANY CASE. IT DID NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE, BEFORE OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE FOUNDATION CAN DO, FOR EMBOFF TO GO INTO QUESTIONS OF PLAQUES OR PRESENTATION. HOWEVER, EMBASSY IMAGINES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION IF A PIECE OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS A BLOOD FREEZING/STORAGE FACILITY, ARRIVED WITH THE DONOR'S PLAQUE ON IT. IF RABBI SCHNIER OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION WISHED TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION ON ARRIVAL, WE WOULD EXPECT APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS TO BE ON HAND. WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ROMANIAN PRESS COVERAGE, HOWEVER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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